Feb. 15. The following fingular circumpance may be depended upon as a fact. A thort time after the engagement commenced between Sir George Rodney and Monf. Guichen in the West-Indies, a game cock that had been principally fed upon the main deck, and was much carefied by the failors; immediately after the firing began, shew unon the quarter deck and took his station near til George Rodney and general Vaugnan. The featnered hero feemed not only to enjoy the coshiet, but endeavoured by every means in his power to inspire all within nearing or him with the love or glory, for every five or fix minutes he was ture to fet up a loud crow, and continue to itrust the deck, and conduct him eit in this manner during the whole or the engagement. Sir George pointing to the phenon enon, called out to the general, in the heat of the engagement, "Look at that fellow, Vaughan, by G - he is an knoour to his country." Chanticleer, it teems, escaped unhurs, and as the leader may suppose, has been ever since honoured with the particular attention or the commander in chief.

Extrad of a latter from Verfaillet, Jan. 22.

"The Russan minutes has warfan."

Extrad of a letter from l'erfailles, Jan. 23. "The Russan minister has within there few days received no less than five currents dispatches, by couriers, from his court. Yesterday he received the last,

chiefent dipatches, by couriers, from his court. Yeuerday he received the lait, and had a long conference with Methis. Maurepas, Neckar, and Vergennes. The talk here is, that Ruffa is determined, if possible, to heal the breacles between the states and England, and prevent a general was throughout the continent."

Certain it is, iome power has aircady interpoled ittelf as a mediator between this country and Holland, and the optinion is, that it is the ambaslador of the king of Sardinia at the Hague. It may be remembered, that it was through the king of Sardinia that the last peace was brought about. And it may be supposed that ord Mountistuart did not go last year to lurin merely on account of peasure.

Feb. 20. A cheme was lately discovered for carrying off loid Cornwallis, and delivering him into the hands of the enemy, by a colonel Wynn, an American, who had come in and joined the British. The plan was, to invite ford Cornwallis, by some plautiale pretext of a surprise of the enemy, to as to get him out of the protection of his army; but Wynn was betrayed, and his lordship getting intelligence or the scheme, went to the spot at the time appointed, attended by a strong guard or dragoons, who made prisoners of Wynn and his party, and he was in consequence immediately executed.

March Private letters from Holland stay, "It is generally imagined that the stadtholder will issue his orders for the release of the crew of the General Barker East-Indianan, stranged on our coast, with the stranged and research and stranged on our coast, with the stranged and research and coast, with the stranged and coast, with the stra

lease of the crew of the General Barker East-Indianan, firanded on our coast, without any exchange, not looking upon them as thrown into our hands by the fortune of war, but the will of Provi-

fortune of war, but the will of Providence.

Yesterday morning an express arrived at the admiralty from Portsmouth, with advice, that the grand seet is completely ready for sea, the whole being at this time at anchor at Spithead, and only waiting for a favourable wind to set fail several ships of the line, that have been waiting at Plymouth, have seedled orders to join them, which will make this great armament consider 32 ships of the line (nine of the number being thise deckers) five 30 gun ships, and 11 frigates, besides sire ships. The East-India and New-York steets, with transports and trade for Ireland, are likewise ready, and will take the benefit of the above convoy.

No less than eight of the most capital estates in Norfolk are now lest entirely to the stewards, and the owners gone, or going to Italy, to retrench. The present times are so bad in the mortgage way, that these gentlemen can go on no longer. Near 30,000 pounds have been called in that were on mortgages upon estates in that county, Derbythire, and Nottingamshire, in order to be invested in navy bills, which now bear near eight percent. The money on mortgage yielded but four.

A letter from Yarmouth, fays, " That they have just received advice from Sun-derland and Newcassle, that there are now cruifing in those parts three French privateers, and two Dutch armed vessels, which prevent the colliers from putting to fea."

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From Toulon there is advice that the Majesteux new first rate man of war of 111 guits, 10wer deckers Spanish brais guits, 56 pounders, with the Neptune of 90 guas, 5t. Croix of 74, L'Union of 74, and L'Aigrette, had failed from thence, to join the grand fleet at Brest.

Extrad of a letter from Chatham, March 1.

Soldiers mount guard every night along the dock wall at the back of the yard, from New stairs nearly as far as rincess-bridge, and if application is made from strangers to see the yard in the day time, they are not admitted without the commissioner's approposition, and their names, occupation, and places of abode, the committoner's approposition, and their names, occupation, and places of abode, being taken down by the porter, which first they sign themselves, and notwithstanding are not permitted to walk about the yard without a deputy porter to accompany them."

PHILADELPHIA, June 5. Extrad of a letter from Martinice, duted May 3.

"Our numerous and much defired convoy has at length arrived under circumitanness the most fortunate and flittering.

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"To have a passage from Breit but of "To have a passage from Breit but es for cays, without losing a single vessel of the convoy; to find the enemy at the port ready to oppose the entrance of it, to engage them, force them to say, and then pursue them, are events which cannot but be giorious to the count de Grasse. "The active spirit of our general im-

then puritie them, are events which cannot but be giorious to the count de Grafle. "The active iprit of our general impels him to the field. Orders are given for the embarkation of 40 large cannon, 12 mortars, and all the apparatus for a fiege, with all kinds of ammunition. Nime hundred of the regiment of Auxorois will embark to-morrow, and the reit of the troops inimediately follow. The intended expedition is againft \$1. Lucia, where there remains but a garrifon of 1200 men; the fleet having taken on board 800 to complete its compliment. The Inglish iquadion was stationed at that island, to cover and protect it, but our fleet, from a happy manœuvre, has deprived them of this advantage. It was expected they would have arrived by the Dominica channel, where the English waited to receive them, but to their great disappointment they came the contrary way, and drove the English from their station.

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their station.

Rodney is now at 'Statia, dividing the spoils of the poor Dutch and Americans, and Hood, who commanded the English steet, is gone down to inform him of his miscarriage, and make him tremble for the fate of his capture. This island is garriloned by 1300 men, under the command of general Vaughan, who has fortified the hill in such a manner that it

is now deemed impregnable. It is expected the lower town will be set on fire.

"I he divisions of Mons, de Barras consisting of five thips of the line, with 14 battalions, left the fleet in the latitude of the western islands, destined for America, to reintorce the army on that station."

Extrall of another letter from the same place, dated May 8.

" Count de Graffe has returned from "Count de Graffe has returned from his purfuit of the enemy. It was not confident with the mtended operations of the fleet, to con inue the chace, from the sifficulty and delay that would attend the beating up to windward.

"I he troops destined for the attack of

"I he troops defined for the attack of St. Lucia are all embarked, and got under way yesterday evening; they confift of 4000 men; the fleet take their departure this morning. May heaven infure the success of this expedition! If abilities, as a general, and merit as a man, can command it, we have nothing to fear for our brave commander.

"It is expected that Rodney will foon make his appearance with his whole fleet,

in order to attempt th Lucia.

Extrast of a letter from St. Pierre, 1 inique, May 1, 1781.

"It is with the great-st pleasure acquaint you, that on the 26th ultim cutter arrived here from the French!

The general dispatched her back the sevening, with into mation of the energy of the sevening, with into mation of the energy and 3 sugates, then lying to ward or Fort-Royal. The timety are of this intelligence produced a most py manceuver on the part of the Ffun.

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The British, ignorant of the Firm orce, and expecting they would a through the conancel of Dominique, a tinually paraded between Fort-koyal St. Pierre, with all the confequential folence, with which the success of inglorious reprilats on the Dutch it ments, could possibly inspire them; on Sunday morning, the count de Grand from the firm of the firm o in the channel of st. Lucis. At soid A. M. the headmost division of French, hegan to attack the rear of British, composed of 9 of their stron thips, which went rather from the with a view of drawing the attention the French from their convoy, then heaving in fight. By this means to a close and gen engagement.

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At 3 P. M. the transports having got late into Fort-Royal bay, and 4 cor war coming out to join the Fre fleet, which had formed the line of bat the distance of about a league from English, the latter put before the wand the French after them, with flue fails, and every thing they could a I was in the channel during part of action, but clouds of smoke, which ictured the horizon, prevented met distinguishing the event more particula Many or the more early spectators affirme that two of the enemy's sinps a very considerably damaged.

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We have fince the most favour reports, but as they want confirmat I finish beg leave to omit them, affur you that I finish take every opportunity communicating fuch circumstances may be interesting and well authentica. "Enclosed you will be pleased to a correct list of the French feet. It failed from Brest the and of March, text transports, not one of which is

failed from Breit the 22d of March, 153 transports, not one of which is ing. A most remarkable passage, much to the honour of the experien officer, by whom it was conducted.

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LIST of the FRENCH FLEET.

mandeu by COUNT DE GRASSE.

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Squadron of the blue and white. Citoyen 74, D'Ethy. Le Glorieux D'Escars. Le Languedoc 80, Ba d'Aros. Le Souverain 74, De Glande Le Diademe 74, De Montecler. L'gusta 80, De Bougainville.

Squadron of the blue. Le Marse 74, De Castillane. Le Vaillant 64, Marigny. Le Bourgogne 74, De Critte. Le Cesar 74, D'Epinouse. L'Ecule 74, De Turpin. L'Pluton 80, D' manded by COUNT DE GRASSE

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